

PROPOSALS  
BY JOSEPH A. SUNDENSON,  
for publishing by subscription,  
A BIOGRAPHY OF THE SIGNERS  
TO THE  
Declaration of Independence,  
ACCOMPANIED WITH PLATES;  
to which will be annexed a history of the  
proceedings of congress during the pas-  
sage of the law, and the Declaration it-  
self, with fac-simile engravings of the  
signatures.

By PAUL ALLEN, Esq.

TO THE PUBLIC.

It seems a little surprising that amongst so many subjects as have been presented for American Biography, the lives of those who have affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence have been overlooked or disregarded. The eyes of thousands have dwelt with rapture upon the document that announced to the world that these United Colonies were, and of right ought to be, free, sovereign, and independent states; while we are better acquainted with the handwriting than with the characters of many of those illustrious men who have added their signatures to that instrument. The founders of the only remaining republic on the globe, have, with few splendid exceptions, gone to their graves, and behaved a generous posterity, sensible of their obligations, to preserve their fame. The longer we neglect the payment of so sacred a debt, the more difficult does the payment become.—Traits of individual character are fugitive and evanescent; and if they are not snatched by the hand of the Biographic Muse, at an early season, from the cold grasp of death, will you partake of the oblivion of the body—

is not the object of the present attempt, to deal in that proportion of indiscriminate and unsparing panegyric, so often and so falsely dignified with the name of Biography: we wish to represent the characters as they were; they stand in need of no panegyric; and we earnestly solicit from the surviving relations and friends of those revolutionary patriots all the information that will tend to a development of character, than is the creature of circumstance, and wish to show the progress of those patriots from their first resistance of colonial aggression, until they stood forth the noble and undaunted champions of their country's independence. All this can only be done by a familiar acquaintance with the lives of these men, and whoever of the surviving friends or relatives will furnish facts and circumstances in their possession to unfold and illustrate their characters, shall be entitled to a copy of the work as a recompence. It is contemplated, wherever it is practicable, further to embellish the meditated work with correct likenesses of the subjects of our biography, executed by the most eminent artists in the country. For this purpose we again solicit the assistance of their surviving relatives and friends. If they will transmit to the publisher any engraving or portrait from which a copy may be taken, the original shall be faithfully rendered, and shall likewise be remunerated with a copy of the work. In the first number it is proposed to give an account of the Declaration of Independence, from the first notion that was made on the floor of congress until its final passage into a law, a period embracing much curious and secret history: finally, we promise to add to our last number the Declaration of Independence, itself, with fac-simile engravings of the signatures. We have now compendiously stated the objects of our present undertaking, and we hope that it will be unnecessary to mention that no exertions on our part shall be spared.

The public are now in possession of our project, which does indeed seem to be demanded, by the avidity so recently displayed for the possession of the Declaration of Independence, since it is of very little import to become acquainted with a man's writing without a previous knowledge of the man. The secret history of our Declaration of Independence, the lives of those who have affixed their signatures to that instrument, accompanied by their likenesses, and finally the Declaration itself with fac-similes of the signatures, will bring into one compact view the prominent facts of that interesting crisis.

CONDITIONS.  
I. The work will be published in numbers, or half volumes, of 150 pages octavo, and will be contained in ten numbers.

II. It will be printed on fine paper made expressly for the purpose, and delivered to subscribers at two dollars and fifty cents per half volume or number, payable on delivery.

III. Subscriptions will be received at the office of the Alexandria Gazette.

December 29

Engineer Department,

Washington, Dec. 2, 1813.

SEALED proposals will be received at this department until 28th February, for delivering at Old Point Comfort, Chesapeake Bay, 80,000 perches of Building Stone, and 2000 tons of White Iron, one of the most durable quality: to be delivered before the first day of January, 21. (Signed) W. K. ARMISTEAD,

Lieut. Col. Commandant Engineers.

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Sales at Venue.  
every Tuesday and Friday,

WILL BE SOLD,  
the Venue Store, corner of Prince and Water streets.

Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.  
particulars of which will be expressed in the bills of the day.

All kinds of goods which are on exhibition, and the prices of which are established, can at any time be viewed and purchased at the lowest limitation prices.

January 5

P. G. MARSTELLER.

Notice.

THE subscriber gives notice that he has withdrawn from the concern of Messrs. Metcalf & Co. and does not concern himself any longer a partner of that concern. Mr. Dwight Metcalf, one of the firm, has the necessary funds to discharge any claims that may exist against concern. JOSEPH BAXTER, Junr.

January 5

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FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 8, 1819.

## English & German Almanacs For 1819.

WITH a large and general stock of school books and stationary, suitable for the country trade, for sale by Oct 8 JOHN A. STEWART.

This day is published,

AND for sale at the bookstore of

JAMES KENNEDY & SON.

The Controversy between M.

B. & Quero,

which appeared in the Alexandria newspapers in the year 1817, on some points of

ROMAN CATHOLICISM;

To which is added AN APPENDIX, containing a brief notice of Luther—or of indulgences—of the Inquisition—and of the Order of the Jesuits.

BY A PROTESTANT.

Price in boards one dollar Sept 3

Book-Binding.

THE subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have commenced the BOOK-BINDING AND STATIONARY BUSINESS, on the south side of King, between Fairfax and Royal streets—where they offer for sale, a small assortment of Stationary, and a variety of

Blank Books,

of every kind; all of which are made of the best materials, and will be disposed of on the most liberal terms.

Orders from Banks, and other public offices; from merchants, and country dealers, will be thankfully received, and meet with due attention and punctuality.

JAMES & ARCHIBALD DOUGLASS.

Wrapping paper by the bale or ream.

December 21

Books and Stationary.

ROBERT GRAY has just received for sale on commission, an invoice of Books and Stationary, among which are the following articles, viz:

Are just received for sale by JAMES KENNEDY & SON.

November 24 dt.

Sir Robert Wilson's sketch of the military and political power of Russia.

Phillips's speeches; Shey's bookkeeping

Say's catechism of political economy

Manners & customs; Accidents of life

Bonnet's letters; history of the late war

Volney's Ruins; Biowme of Bodbeck

The Sisters; Pope's Essay on Man

Tales of my Landlord; Taylor's Inquiry

Travels at home; Domestic Medicine

Debates of the Virginia Convention, on

the adoption of the Federal Constitution

Wright's Life of Christ, and his apostles

Bonell boards by the gross, dozen or single; superfine yellow cap writing paper

August 26

New Books.

Just received on consignment, and for sale by the subscriber,

TALES of my Landlord, second series

New tales, by Mrs Opie

Zion's Pilgrim, by Robert Hawker, D. D.

Events of the French Revolution, by the

Baroness de Staél; O'Reilly's Greenland

Johnson's quarto dictionary, vol. I

Taylor's Arator, 4th edition

Taylor's tour on the continent

Village sermons; Olive-Branch

Dwight's geography for schools, in which

Europe is divided according to the late act

of the congress of Vienna. Also,

A few copies of Bible News or Sacred

Truths relating to the Living God, his only

Son, and Holy Spirit, by Noah Worcester, A. M.

Oct 16 ROBERT GRAY.

The Builder's Assistant.

CONTAINING—the five orders of ar-

chitecture, selected from the best speci-

mens of the Grecian and Roman, with

the signed dimensions of their height,

projection and profile, and a variety of mouldings, modillions and foliage, on a larger

scale, both enriched and plain, with work-

ing drawings shewing their method of con-

struction, selected from a number of beau-

iful examples, copied from the antique—

for the use of builders, carpenters, masons,

plasterers, cabinet makers and carvers—

with sixty original designs, their plans, ob-

servations, and sections; the whole exempli-

fied on 150 copperplates.—By John Haw-

ley, architect; and Hugh Bridport, artist

is now publishing, by subscription, in

numbers, at one dollar each. Three num-

bers are already received, and it is pro-

posed to complete the work in fifteen num-

bers, forming three handsome octavo vols.

JAMES KENNEDY & SON.

November 24 dt.

Orphans' Court,

Alexandria County, 1818.

ORDERED, That the executor of Geo-

A. Thornton, deceased, do insert the

usual notice to debtors and creditors three

times a week for four weeks in the Alexan-

drina newspapers. A copy.

Teste, A. MOORE, Reg. wills.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

That the subscriber hath obtained from

the Orphans' Court of Charles county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of JAS. A. JOHNSON, late of Charles county, deceased; all persons having

claims against the said deceased, are

hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, at or before the sixth day of May next—they

may otherwise by law be excluded from all

benefit of said estate. Given under my

hand this sixth day of November, 1818.

ELEANOR B. JOHNSON, Adm'r.

At all those persons who have claims

against the said deceased, will present them to Frederick D.

Stone, attorney at law, Fort Frederick, Char-

county, who will make the dividend when

assets come to hand.

STUART G. THORNTON,

Executor of George A. Thornton, dec.

November 6 E. B. J. Adm'r.

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## Piano Fortes.

TWO elegant fine tuned Piano Fortes, with the additional keys, for sale by JAS. KENNEDY & SON.

September 9

## Ladies Dresses.

MRS. WALLACE, successor to Mrs. Dodd, most respectfully informs the Ladies of Alexandria and its vicinity, that she has commenced the fancy and plain Dress and Corset making, on King-st. near Alfred-st., and has just received the newest fashions from England. Any ladies that may favor her with their orders may rest assured they shall be attended to with neatness and punctuality on moderate terms.

Dec. 9 3w

## The Gentleman's ANNUAL POCKET REMEMBRANCER For 1819,

CONTAINING—The Almanac; ruled

pages for memorandum; duties payable on goods &c.; naval and custom house officers; public appraisals; information concerning patents; post office establishment; official army and navy lists; a correct register of the American navy; marine corps; government of the U. States, executive, legislative and judiciary; territorial governments; intercourse with foreign nations; directors and cashiers of the bank of the U. States, &c. &c.

ALSO,

THE LADY'S POCKET-BOOK for 1819,

Containing—The Almanac; ruled pages for memorandum; description of Pitcairn's island; bishop Watson's letter on a future state; remarks on female dress and ornament; morality of the Battledore; account of the Cherokee schools. Selected Poetry

—Answers to last year's enigmas; charades; new and fashionable songs; rebus es. New country dances and waltzes; marketing tables; tables reducing shillings and pence; also for shewing the value of dollars in pounds, shillings and pence.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1819.

From the *Dedham Gazette.*

The following pathetic lines are for above our countenance. They breathe strains of the most becalming piety and happy resignation. They are worthy of the divine theme which inspired them, and will be appreciated by every reflecting reader.

**SACRED SONG.**

There is a charm in sacred song,  
That lifts the pious thought to Heaven,  
That cheers the soul when troubles throng,  
And soothes the heart by anguish riven.

A charm, inspire the pious breast,  
And fills the heart with pure devotion,  
That lulls the wayward thought to rest,  
And checks each wand'ring wild emotion.

A charm that drives affliction's tear,  
In secret shed from many an eye,  
That soothes the grief o'er friendship's  
And stiles virtue's hallowed sigh. [brer,

A charm, can yield a purer joy,  
Than aught on earth beside can give,  
Can soften pain when cares annoy,  
And bid each soothing transport live.

A charm, can quell each anxious fear,  
And calm the troubled mind to peace,  
Can yield a balm to soothe us here,  
And bids life's rankling sorrows cease.

A charm that wakes each hing'ring hope,  
And cheers the gloom of melancholy,  
That bids the heart feel to ope,  
And checks the thoughtless smile of folly.

A charm, sends through the heart a thrill  
Of pure, serene, unclouding pleasure,  
Which can each boisterous passion still,  
And fill of joys a bright cup the measure.

A charm, the lonely pilgrim cheers,  
Journeying thro' life's gloomy vale,  
That quells his griefs, that calms his fears,  
And soothes his hopes when friendships fail.

A charm, that bids the soul aspire  
Above this scene by tempests riven,  
That lights Religion's hallowed fire,  
And points the eye of faith to Heaven.

From *Poulson's American Daily Advertiser.*

**COMFORTS OF THE SEASON.**

*A Parody on the Miseries of Winter.*  
Comfort 1st. 'Tis clear moonlight, frost  
on the windows—without taking long to  
undress, spring into a down bed, between  
a pair of clean cold sheets, the exercise of  
the day having circulated your blood, you  
soon become warm, and having nothing  
wherewith to reproach yourself, sink into  
a peaceful slumber.

2d. Awake with the first beams of the  
sun, playing on the dazzling frost of the  
windows—jump up, dress hastily, but with  
care, catch a glimpse of yourself in the glass,  
your cheeks ruddy from the effects of cold  
water and a dry towel, your eyes brightened  
by the sweet repose of the night—enter  
the breakfast parlour, pleasantly warmed  
by a stove—meet the ladies of the family  
in dark bombazets, and clean white ruffles  
—the coffee excellent, muffins hot—listen  
with interest to your sister's account of the  
gratitude of the little boy to whom she gave  
the suit of clothes she was making last week,  
and the pleasure she felt at visiting the  
Aimwell School yesterday.

3d. Walk out in boots made to fit your  
feet—the pavements are covered with ice  
—observe an old gentleman much embarrassed  
at the foot ways—offer your arm with  
kindness, and conduct him to his lodgings  
in safety—hurry to the counting house—  
are informed you must see a person who  
lives 6 miles from town—gallop out—transact  
your business—get home in time to  
dine, glowing with the charming warmth  
produced by exercise in a pure atmosphere  
—find the addition of one or two agreeable  
persons at table—talk of your ride, your  
ideas of roads, canals, &c. an animated  
debate takes place about internal improvement—  
some new ideas started, and you  
are requested to write a paper on the sub-  
ject.

4th. Read Cicero's Letters aloud to your  
sisters, charmed with their remarks—told  
to time to dress for the evening party, (not  
in corsets) enter the room—what beauty!  
what elegance! converse with a lady re-  
markable for the neat simplicity of her dress  
—she is well bred without affectation—well  
informed without vanity—she is a stranger  
in the city—praises the politeness of the  
young gentlemen—says her "Pa was walking  
out this morning, but could not get over  
the ice had it not been for the kindness of  
a young gentleman to whom he was entire-  
ly unknown"—delightful evening—party  
breaks up too soon.

Of all the publications which seem from  
the press, none are so interesting, none so  
useful, as the newspaper.

**ALEXANDRIA:**  
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, 1819.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT AT WASHINGTON

Thursday, January 7.

Yesterday's proceedings in the house of  
representatives presented the first specimen  
of opposition, properly so called in the old  
meaning of the word, as it was formerly  
understood, that has shown itself for some  
time. It arose upon the bill reported from

the committee of ways and means, by its  
chairman, general Smith, making appropri-  
ations for the army for the current year.

Mr. Smith having moved to postpone all  
the other orders of the day, for the purpose  
of getting it under the consideration of the

house, in committee of the whole, Mr. Mer-  
cer rose and opposed it, on the grounds that

a report from the committee appointed to  
investigate the conduct of our officers in the  
Seminole war was expected, on the pro-  
mise of its chairman, to be laid before the

house in a few days, and that it was desir-  
able to have that in view before any appro-  
priation was made. On one principal fea-  
ture of that war, he said, he had made up

his mind: he had not rested on his pillow  
since it first came to his knowledge, from  
the agitation it had occasioned to him; and  
he was resolved not to vote for an appro-  
priation of money to the same persons, to be

applied, perhaps, to purposes of similar  
misuse.—It was his intention also to use  
his exertions to have the number of major  
generals on the establishment reduced to  
one. To this general Smith replied, that

he could not perceive any conceivable rea-  
son that a convention chosen for the ex-  
press purpose would have been the most  
proper mode of ascertaining the deliberate  
opinion of the people on their present form  
of government, and on the expediency of  
some modification of it which should adapt

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their interests would be advanced by the  
grant of authority to elect a Delegate to at-  
tend to their concerns on the floor of Con-  
gress. The general opinion on this subject  
has not been ascertained; but, we are under  
the impression that the majority of the citi-  
zens are opposed even to this innovation.

The District of Columbia, will therefore  
in all probability, for some time at least,  
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very politely signified its willingness to re-  
ceive, at its next meeting, such suggestions  
as any part of our citizens may think pro-  
per to make to it on this subject.

roads or objects of fatigue duty—together  
with a statement of such objects of a simi-  
lar nature to which it is contemplated to  
direct the labour of the troops in the cur-  
rent year, distinguishing the sums expend-  
ed on roads.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

The President of the United States, in  
his Message to Congress, having, in the  
most friendly disposition towards this Dis-  
trict, expressed his opinion that its condi-  
tion might be improved by the establish-  
ment of an intermediate government, for

local purposes, between the Congress and  
the people of the District, that part of the

Message was referred to a select committee  
in the House of Representatives. The

committee, as a preliminary step, address-  
ed a letter to each of the Corporations of

Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown,  
inviting them respectively, to send depu-  
ties to confer with the committee on the

subject. In consequence of this invitation  
the opinion of the people has been consult-  
ed in the several parts of the District, by

public meetings and otherwise, and it has  
been ascertained, that the People are, by

a decided majority, opposed to assuming, at  
the present time, the right and responsi-  
bility of self government. On yesterday,  
the select committee of Congress received

the three deputations and heard the repre-  
sentations they had to make. Finding the

people disinclined to except the boon in-  
tended them, the decision of the committee

will of course be opposed to forcing it upon

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**VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.**

*House of Delegates.*—No subject of pub-  
lic and permanent interest has yet been

definitively acted on in the Legislature.

Mr. Selden has obtained leave to bring

in a bill to repeal the laws against Usury.

Yesterday, Mr. Smith, of the Isle of  
Wight, presented the following resolu-  
tion to the House of Delegates, which on  
the motion of Mr. Taylor of Chesterfield  
and of Mr. Magill, was laid upon the ta-  
ble.

*Resolved.*, That the committee to act

jointly with the Committee from the Senate  
to examine into the state of the Bank of

Virginia, and the Farmers' Bank of Vir-  
ginia, be directed to enquire whether the

Bank of Virginia, and the Farmers' Bank of

Virginia have violated their charters of

incorporation; and in such an event, what

measures it is expedient for the General

Assembly to adopt; and that for this pur-  
pose the said committee have power to

send for persons, papers, &c. That the

committee also obtain from the President

and Directors of each of the Banks, a state-  
ment of the capital stock thereof, of the

debts due to the banks, distinguishing

the debts due from individuals, from those

due to other banks; the amount of notes in

circulation; the monies deposited therein,

distinguishing deposits in notes from de-

posits in specie, and the amount of specie

now on hand.

We do not understand, that Mr. Smith

made any other charge against the banks,

in allusion to the infringement of their char-  
ters than their issuing small notes (to wit:

one and two dollar notes) contrary to the  
act of Assembly, passed during the late  
war, authorising them to issue notes of those  
descriptions—Messrs. Taylor and Merrill  
asserted the general good management of  
these institutions, and expressed their re-  
gret at the introduction of such a resolution.

[Compiler.

Much damage was done in this section of  
the country, by the severe southerly wind  
on Sunday last. From all parts of the is. and  
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INDIA WHEAT.

We saw in the market last week two  
loads of wheat of a kind new to us, which  
from peculiar properties which it possesses  
promises to be a valuable acquisition to our  
country. The owner said the seed was first  
obtained from Philadelphia, and had been  
partially cultivated in Oneida county for  
two or three years. The kernel is very  
large, the head rather short, and bearded.  
When well filled it weighs 69 to 70 lbs. per  
bushel. The sample we saw, which was rather  
shrunken, weighed about 65 lbs per bushel.

The peculiar properties of this wheat,  
which is a spring grain, are—

1. It is much more hardy than common  
grain. The straw is small, strong and al-  
most solid, which prevents its lodging.

2. On account of this quality, it is presumed,  
of this wheat, it is never injured by  
the fly or insect. It has yielded a large crop  
by the side of common wheat, that has  
nearly been destroyed by the fly.

3. It has never been known to be affected  
by smut.

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Much damage was done in this section of the country, by the severe southerly wind in Sunday last. From all parts of this and Essex county, we hear of barns and sheds unroofed, and of fences and timber blown down. The road from Bosworth's, in Cheshirefield, to McNeil's Ferry, is literally blocked up with fallen trees. And that in many places the path of the hurricane may be traced by the almost indiscriminate prostration of extensive groves of timber. No disaster has happened on the water that we have heard of, although there was some fair breadth escapes. Numbers of fish were thrown upon the beach by the surf, and when the waters subsided, remained on dry land.

#### INDIA WHEAT.

We saw in the market last week two loads of wheat of a kind new to us, which from peculiar properties which it possesses promises to be a valuable acquisition to our country. The owner said the seed was first obtained from Philadelphia, and had been partially cultivated in Oneida county for two or three years. The kernel is very large, the head rather short, and bearded. When well filled it weighs 69 to 70 lbs. per bushel. The sample we saw, which was rather shrunk, weighed about 65 lbs per bushel. The peculiar properties of this wheat, which is a spring grain, are—

1. It is much more hardy than common grain. The straw is small, strong and almost solid, which prevents its lodging.

2. On account, it is presumed, of this quality in the straw, it is never injured by the fly or insect. It has yielded a large crop by the side of common wheat, that has nearly been destroyed by the fly.

3. It has never been known to be affected by smut.

The owner informed us, that notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the season, he obtained 33 bushels per acre.

*[Albany (N. Y.) paper.]*

#### EXTRAORDINARY MURDER.

The London Whitehall Evening Post, of the 22d of October last, contains two columns of the examination of Robert Dean, who, it appears, after the commission of the crime, gave himself up, and confessed that he had murdered a child named Mary Hubert, not 5 years old. He was secured for trial. When in the watch-house, Dean confessed clearly to all around that he had murdered the child, Mary Hubert. But it was not the infant who was his intended victim.—Sarah Longman (a girl residing in Aldgate, near his lodging) was the person whose life he intended to take. She had disappointed him, and he prepared the knife to kill her. "The devil," however, "tempted him" to act otherwise, and while he held the child in his arms, he reasoned thus with and deceived himself: "if I kill Sarah Longman, she will have much sin to answer for; but if I merely kill the child, the crime will not be so great, for she must be innocent." He instantly resolved upon the act, and having done it, he thought he beheld the devil in his court below, while blazing fires seemed to surround him. He wept much, but occasionally looked wildly around him.

#### Alex'a. Common Council.

JANUARY 6th, 1819.

Ordered, That the taxes of David Jenkins, deceased, for the years 1817 & 1818, be remitted.

Mr. Lee, from the committee to whom was referred the message of the mayor, on the 31st October 1818, reported the following bills, viz.:

An act to amend and explain the fifth section of an act entitled "an act concerning theatrical performances and public exhibitions;" and an act to amend the sixteenth section of the act entitled "an act to remove nuisances, preserve the health of the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, and for other purposes;" which were severally read a first time, and laid on the table.

Ordered, That the papers heretofore before council relative to a proposed amendment of the charter, be referred to the president of the council, together with Messrs. Lee and Smith.

The common council having considered the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of the official conduct of George Coryell, superintendent of police, do unanimously declare it to be their opinion that the language of all officers of the corporation to those who may be the subject of their official notice ought to be decorous; that the style of address of George Coryell to Mordecai Miller was not decorous, and such as an officer ought to use to others in the discharge of his public duties; yet the conduct of the superintendent of police in this instance has not been such as to authorise the council to adopt any measure towards him other than this expression of their disapprobation of his conduct.

Extract from the minutes.

Test, I. P. THOMPSON, C. C.

The editor's note in this Gazette of the 6th inst. was not meant to preclude a reply on the part of Mr. Ricketts to the ob-

servations of Mr. Henderson. The former gentleman having informed him that he would pay no further attention to the productions of the other, and the editor feeling confident they could do him no injury, inserted the note in question to end the controversy.

#### Died.

On Friday, the 1st inst. at his residence in Fauquier county, after a long and painful illness, Mr. JAMES GUNNELL, an old and respectable inhabitant of said county.

#### Barbadoes Sugar.

SIX hds prime Barbadoes sugar received via Bermuda, per sloop *Reilly*. For sale by BARNEWALL & POPHAM.

jan 8 1w

#### ALEXANDRIA PRICE-CURRENT.

TIMOTHY MOUNTFORD, JR. & SAM'L. H. DAVIS propose to publish,

#### A Weekly Price-Current

#### AND

MARINE JOURNAL,  
On the plan of those of New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, &c.

The publishers believe that the growing mercantile prosperity of Alexandria renders a publication of this kind necessary... and they solicit the patronage of commercial men and merchants generally.

It will be printed every Saturday, on paper of fine quality, and new type, at Five Dollars per annum, payable on the delivery of the first number.

#### Notice.

THE public are hereby informed, the House of Industry establishment, corner of Pitt and Prince streets, will go into operation this day, for the delivery of soup, as usual, to the poor, from 1 o'clock until 3, when donations from the benevolent will be most thankfully received, either in money, wood, vegetables, or articles of clothing, which will be faithfully applied.

Application for tickets for the delivery of the soup, will have to be made, by persons residing in the 1st Ward, to John Harper, from the east side of Fairfax-street to the river; Charles Page, from the west side of Fairfax-street to the east of Pitt-street.

2d Ward.—Guy Atkinson, from the east side of Fairfax street to the River. Bernard Bryan, from the west side of Fairfax street to the east side of Pitt street.

3d Ward.—Isaac Robbins, from the west side of Pitt street to the east side of Columbus street; Anthony Crease, from the west side of Columbus street to the extent of the corporation.

4th Ward.—Jonathan Janney from the west side of Pitt street, to the east side of Alfred street—and from the east side of Alfred street to the extent of the corporation.

Great care will be taken to make the soup clean and good for family use, and will be sold as usual, at 6 cents per quart.

ANTHONY CREASE.

Alexandria, January 7, 1819.

#### Notice.

THE third dividend of ten per cent on the effects of Mr. John Throp is declared payable to his creditors on Saturday the 9th day of January next, at the store of ISAAC ROBBINS, Trustee.

Dec 31 1818.

#### Notice.

THE stockholders of the Alexandria and Fauquier turnpike road company are notified that an election of a president, four directors, and a treasurer, will take place at the Market, on Wednesday next, at this office.

13th instant. 31 January 7

#### Notice.

FOR SALE.—That commodious three story brick house on King street; now in the occupancy of Mr. John Roberts.—Also three lots adjoining, with the improvements thereon.—That elegant Grass Lot—lately the property of Mr. James Anderson, containing 2 1/2 acres.—And the rigging, cables, spars, & water-casks of the barque *Mary*, in parcels, or the whole to suit purchasers.

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THE subscriber having been greatly deceived and injured by a certain CHARLES TYLER, late merchant of Alexandria, who has recently absconded from this place—he hereby offers a reward of Five Hundred Dollars to any person or persons who will bring him to this place in order that he may be dealt with here, according to law.

JAMES ENGLISH.

jan 6

#### Spirits, Sugar, &c.

A FEW puncheons of superior quality Antigua and Jamaica spirits  
Superfine Barbadoes sugar, in hds  
Also, a parcel of cocoanut—  
on liberal terms at No. 99 Union-st.  
September 30 N. REILLY.

jan 8 1w

#### Coffee, Sugar and Salt.

JOHN H. LADD & CO. offer for sale the cargo of the sloop Oscar, from Castine, viz.

11000 lbs Havana coffee  
53 boxes white Havana sugar  
22 do brown do  
800 bushels bright Lisbon salt  
2 pipes real choice old L. P. Madeira  
40 bushels potatoes in casks [wine  
December 30

jan 8

#### Sugar, &c.

LANDING from the brig Union, capt. Williams, from Marblehead; and for sale by LAWRAZON & FOWLE.  
150 bags white sugars, superior quality  
220 pieces 1st and 2d quality Russia  
duck  
200 do heavy and light ravens do  
200 do white and brown shirtings  
4000 lbs soft shelled almonds.

january 1

#### Smyrna Figs.

FIFTY boxes fresh Smyrna Figs, choice quality, just received and for sale by BARNEWALL & POPHAM.

IN STORE.

3000 bushels heavy Pennsylvania Oats, in lots to suit purchasers.

1w jan 2

#### Union Bank of Alexandria,

January 1, 1819.

THE stockholders in this institution are hereby notified that a dividend of four per cent for the last six months on the capital paid in on the 5th ultimo, has been declared, payable to them or after Tuesday next, the 6th inst. agreeably to order.

jan 2 C. T. CHAPMAN, Cashier.

#### Franklin Bank of Alexandria,

January 2, 1819.

THE board of directors having declared a dividend of three and one quarter per cent, the same will be paid to the stockholders, or their legal representatives on or after the 6th inst.

WILLIAM RHODES, Cashier.

jan 5

#### Bank of Alexandria,

January 4, 1819.

A DIVIDEND of three and an half per cent for the last half year, is this day declared, and will be paid to the stockholders in the institution, or their legal representatives, on Thursday the 7th inst.

J. L. MCKENNA, Cashier.

January 5 3w

#### For Sale,

A STRONG, healthy negro man, aged twenty-one years: he is a good house servant, having no fault. He will not be sold to a trader. For terms apply at this office.

january 5

#### Sugar, Apples, &c.

RECEIVED by the sloop *Rising Sun*, Capt. Smith, from Providence, R. I. and for sale by E. CORNING, Vowell's wharf,

60 hds brown sugar  
5 hds N. E. rum  
2 pipes gin  
27 hds cider  
50 do apples  
70 bushels potatoes  
3000 wt. codfish

jan 4

#### Ground Alum, Fine Salt, &c.

NOW landing from sloop Geo. Washington, and sloop Experiment, from Norfolk, and for sale by LINDSAY & HILL.  
250 sacks fine Liverpool salt  
145 do coarse do  
1200 bushels do do  
355 lbs herring and  
40 dozen corn brooms

january 1

#### Cork Sole Shoes.

S. & D. REED.  
HAVE just received a fresh supply of cork sole, and morocco and leather thick sole walking shoes, with heels.

LIKewise;

A general assortment of other kinds, suitable for the season, which are for sale at low prices for cash.

january 4

#### Notice.

Office of Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria, Dec. 15, 1818.

THE stockholders are hereby notified that an election for fifteen Directors will be held at this office on Friday the 15th day of January next, between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock.

J. B. NICKOLLS, Secy.

The transfer book will be closed from 2 o'clock on Monday the 11th, till after the election.

Dec 16

#### I wish to Hire,

FOR the ensuing year, two or three able bodied Black Men, accustomed to the work of a farm.

J. L. MCKENNA.

November 30 43m wif.

#### Notice.

THE copartnership of John & Thomas Vowell having expired by mutual consent on the 1st inst. those that have accounts against the firm, or either of the parties, will please present them for payment; and those indebted will please settle the same with either of the late firm. The books and papers will be found at the store now occupied by John Douglass & Co.

JOHN C. VOWELL,

THOMAS VOWELL.

january 4

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## HOUSES, LANDS &amp;c.

## Building Lots or Sale.

SUNDY good lots upon Cameron, Pitt and Queen streets, on liberal credit, at reasonable prices to purchasers who would build thereon. For terms enquire of MANDEVILLE & LARMOUR.

October 13.

## For Sale or Rent.

THAT valuable property called CONWAY'S WHARF, with the Warehouses thereon fronting on Union-street. The warehouses will be rented separately if required. For terms apply to WM. HERBERT, Jr.

August 25.

## To Let.

THAT convenient Brick house on Royal street, now occupied by Mr. Charles Tyler—possession to be had the 22nd of December next—for terms enquire of MANDEVILLE & LARMOUR.

November 3.

## To Rent.

A convenient BRICK Dwelling house, at the upper end of King-st suitable for a genteel family. Also two frame dwellings and shops. Apply to JAMES SANDERSON.

November 12.

## Houses for Sale.

The premises on the South east corner of King and Henry streets, containing 2 good dwelling houses, with stores ready fitted up for business.

Also, the brick dwelling house and store near to the former, lately in possession of Dennis M. Lyles, Esq. for whose time therein, the 7th of Feb. next, it may be rented.

All the above property would be sold upon liberal credit, the payment being secured. Inquire of MANDEVILLE & LARMOUR.

September 23.

## Gunston for Sale.

THIS elegant estate is situated on the Potomac, 16 miles below Alexandria—it is bounded on three sides by the Potomac and Pohick creek, and contains nearly 3,000 acres of land, level and fertile, to which are attached six shad and herring fisheries, two of which command the river channel. This land will be laid off in four tracts, so as to have one or more fisheries to each; these tracts will be again divided if requisite. This estate is level and beautifully situated, very fertile, and remarkably healthy. Plaster acts with an effect equal to that of any part of Virginia or Pennsylvania.—I have used 500 bushels in twelve months, and such is its beneficial operation, that were I to keep this land, I should considerably increase the quantity.

A manufacturing mill is distant about two miles, on a stream navigable for vessels carrying 1200 bushels of wheat, where the Baltimore and Dist. of Columbia prices are given for grain; being bounded on 3 sides by water, a small extent only of fence is necessary to inclose the whole; it would be admirably adapted to grazing. The improvements are a large and very substantial brick mansion, 40 by 70 feet, with every necessary out-house, three commodious barns, houses for Negroes, and fish houses at each of the fisheries. 120,000 bricks and 1000 bushels of lime are just burnt on the premises. There is a considerable extent of live fence, both useful and ornamental, two orchards of well selected apples and peach, besides an abundance of o'er choice fruit. More than 150 acres are in clover, 200 in corn, and land is in preparation for sowing 250 bushels of small grain. Any quantity of hay can be cut from the low grounds, some of which (and all might) have been reclaimed at a trifling expense. The river and creeks, abounding with wild fowl, particularly canvas backs, the woods with deer and a variety of other game. Mules, cattle, highly improved sheep, farming utensils and household furniture can be had. The terms of sale will be accommodating. Property in any of the cities, negroes, bank stock, western lands, or lands near the Ridge, will be taken in payment.—Letters must be addressed to me at Pohick Church, Fairfax county, Virginia.

September 4. GEORGE MASON.

Valuable Property for Sale.

THE subscriber is desirous of selling a handsomely situated farm, on Hunting creek, in Fairfax county Virginia, adjoining the Mount Vernon estate and the lands of general Thomson Mason, four miles from Alexandria, containing about 240 acres, 30 of which are in wood—40 to 50 in thriving meadow of clover and timothy—a part of the residue recently sown with wheat and rye, and clover, last spring—the whole enclosed with a new post and rail fence.—The improvements are, a comfortable and convenient frame dwelling house and kitchen, smoke house, poultry house, granary and stables.—There is on this place a rich and productive garden, and a large body of marsh meadow, from which may be saved annually 100 tons of hay, nearly as nutritious as the best timothy or clover.—With the farm would be sold a number of very valuable horses, cows and sheep, wagon, carts, and a variety of farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture; corn, oats and rye, and 40 tons hay. Also, adjoining the one above described, a farm containing 160 acres, recently enclosed, on which is a brick house, which a trifling expense would render comfortable. The soil is excellent, and a considerable part might be easily converted into meadow—it would be sold with the other or separately. Also, a number of valuable servants, male and female. To prevent unnecessary application, he would observe, that they will only be sold to persons residing in the District or its vicinity, and not to be carried from it. The subscriber will also sell the greater part of his household furniture, which is new and handsome. For terms of all or any part of the above property, apply to NOBLET HERBERT, esq. or

Oct 8

FRANCIS ADAMS, Jr.

## For Rent.

A very convenient dwelling house on the lower part of Royal-st, adjoining the house now occupied by Mr. Genes. Possession may be had immediately.

January 1. JOHN T. BROOKS.

## For Rent.

A convenient two story framed dwelling house, pleasantly situated, between Water and Gibbon streets. Possession will be given immediately. For terms apply to ROBERT HUNTER.

## Public Sale.

IN obedience to an order of the county court of Fairfax, we will, on Monday the 21st day of December next, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, all that tract or parcel of land, (now occupied by, and in the possession of, Thomas Ogden of Thomas,) belonging to the representatives of the late John Allison, sen. deceased. This tract is believed to contain between 80 and 100 acres, tolerably well watered, with a good proportion in wood, bounded by Ravensworth, and the lands of William Cashen, Zachariah Ward, and W. H. Foote, Esq. and about seven miles from Alexandria; a farther description is thought unnecessary, as it is presumed any person inclined to purchase would view the premises, which will be shewn on application to the tenant, Thomas Ogden of Thomas. The terms will be one third cash, and bonds with approved security for the balance, payable in 12 and 18 months. The sale to take place on the premises, and will commence at 11 o'clock, at which time, and place due attendance will be given by the COMMISSIONERS.

THE above sale is unavoidably postponed until the 14th day of January next. December 15.

## Valuable Property for Sale.

FOR CASH.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th day of January next, the following valuable property will be offered at public sale:

1. A two-story brick tenement and lot of ground, on the south side of King-street, 49 feet to the west of Henry-street; front on King-street 25 feet, depth 100 feet.

2. A vacant lot on the west side of Fayette-street, beginning at a point equidistant from King and Cameron streets; thence north on Fayette-street, 76 feet 7 inches; thence west parallel to King-st. to Payne-street; thence south on Payne-street 76 feet 7 inches; thence to the beginning.

3. A large two-story brick warehouse, at the intersection of the north line of King-street with the east side of Fayette-street; in front on King-street 43 feet 5 inches, on Fayette-street 100 feet to a ten foot alley; now occupied by James English.

4. A lot on the east side of Fayette-st. 110 feet to the north of King-st. in front on Fayette-street 21 feet 5 inches; in depth 23 feet 5 inches.

5. Two lots of ground, formerly part of the estate of the late R. Conway, distinguished in the survey made for his executors by Nos. 20 and 21; No. 20 situated on the north side of Montgomery-street, and on the west side of Columbus-street, containing 5-16th of an acre.

The sale will commence at the Exchange Coffee-House, at 11 o'clock A. M. As each piece of property shall be struck off, the payment will be required; and if not made, the property will be immediately resold, and the bid of the person so failing to make payment, will not afterwards be received.

By order of the trustees.

P. G. MARSTELLER, Anc. mawfleJ

December 14.

## Marshal's Sale.

BY virtue of a decree of the court of the United States for the fifth circuit in the Virginia district, in a suit in chancery, wherein Mary Wormley, wife of Hugh Wallace Wormley, by George F. Strother her next friend, and John S. Wormley, Mary W. Wormley, Jane B. Wormley and Anne B. Wormley, infant children of the said Mary and Hugh W. by the said George F. Strother their next friend plaintiff, against Hugh Wallace Wormley, Thomas Strother, Richard Welch, David Castleton and Charles McCormick, defendants, will be sold at public auction on the 3rd day of February next, if fair; if not, the next fair day, on the premises,

## A Tract of Land

containing 300 acres, and also the reversion of fifty acres adjoining the same tract of 300 acres, lying and being in the county of Frederick and state of Virginia, situated on the north side of the Shenandoah river, and adjoining the said river about two miles below Snickers' ferry—one hundred acres of which is finely timbered, and the whole tract well watered with a never failing spring; the buildings are an excellent dwelling house, with other suitable outbuildings, a good barn, corn house, blacksmith's shop, stable, &c. &c.

This land, I am told, has for the last seven years been highly improved with clover and plaster of Paris; upon the whole it is considered to be one among the best farms in the county, combining all the advantages of good society, salubrity of climate and fertility of soil. Terms of sale will be as follows: three thousand dollars in cash, or a negotiable note with an endorser or endorser to be approved by the marshal of the said district, or his deputy who may act, and payable at one of the branches of the Farmers' bank of Virginia at Winchester, and the residue of the purchase money in three equal payments of one, two and three years; the purchaser or purchasers giving bonds and security or securities, to be approved by the marshal or his deputy, with a deed of trust on the said land so sold, as a further security for the payment of the said bonds.

WILLIAM MANN, D. M.

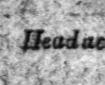
For ANDREW MOORE, Marshal.

Richmond, Dec. 30. F3

## Aromatic.



## Snuff.



## For Catarrh.

## Headache.

THIS Snuff, as celebrated for its agreeable fragrance as for its efficacy in the cure of recent catarrh and slow nervous headache, is used and approved by the present professor of chemistry in the university of Cambridge, Mass., and by some of the most respectable gentlemen of the faculty in the United States. It is also particularly recommended by Dr. Waterhouse, late professor of the theory and practice of physic, in the above seminary—whose certificate accompanies each bottle. Sold by JAMES KENNEDY & SON, Sole Agents for Alexandria. September 24.

## L. Masterson,

## BOOT AND SHOE-MAKER.

RETURNS his grateful thanks to his friends and the public, for the liberal encouragement he has received from the ladies and gentlemen of this town and vicinity, as well as from strangers who occasionally resort hither; he intends enlarging his business, and has taken pains to procure the very best of STOCK, also good workmen. He can assure the public that all orders for

## JO'n H. Runnels,

agent for

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By PAUL ALLEN, Esq.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

IT seems a little surprising that amongst so many subjects as have been presented for American Biography, the lives of those who have affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence have been overlooked, or disregarded. The eyes of thousands have dwelt with rapture upon the document that announced to the world that "these United Colonies were, and of right ought to be, free, sovereign, and independent states;" while we are better acquainted with the handwriting than with the characters of many of those illustrious men who have added their signatures to that instrument. The founders of the only remaining republic on the globe, have, with a few splendid exceptions, gone to their graves, and it behoves a generous posterity, sensible of their obligations, to preserve their fame. The longer we neglect the payment of so sacred a debt, the more difficult does the payment become.—Traits of individual character are fugitive and evanescent; and if they are not snatched by the hand of the Biographic Muse, at an early season, from the cold grasp of death, will soon partake of the oblivion of the body.—It is not the object of the present attempt, to deal in that profusion of indiscriminate and unspare panegyric, so often and so falsely dignified with the name of Biography: we wish to represent the characters as they were; they stand in need of no panegyric; and we earnestly solicit from the surviving relations and friends of those revolutionary patriots all the information that will tend to a development of character. Man is the creature of circumstance, and we wish to show the progress of those patriots from their first resistance of colonial aggression, until they stood forth the noble and undaunted champions of their country's independence. All this can only be done by a familiar acquaintance with the lives of these men, and whoever of the surviving friends or relatives will furnish facts and circumstances in their possession to unfold and illustrate their characters, shall be entitled to a copy of the work as a recompence. It is contemplated, wherever it is practicable, further to embellish the mediated work with correct likenesses of the subjects of our biography, executed by the most eminent artists in the country. For this purpose we again solicit the assistance of their surviving relatives and friends. If they will transmit to the publisher any engraving or portrait from which a copy may be taken, the original shall be faithfully returned, and shall likewise be remunerated with a copy of the work. In the first number it is proposed to give an account of the Declaration of Independence, from the first motion that was made on the floor of congress until its final passage into a law, a period embracing much curious and secret history: finally, we promise to add to our last number the Declaration of Independence, with fac-simile engravings of the signatures. We have now compendiously stated the objects of our present undertaking, and we hope that it will be unnecessary to mention that no exertions on our part shall be spared.

The laws of the District of Columbia.

In the press, and will shortly be published, By DWYERS & FORCE,

## IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

## A COMPLETE CODE OF LAWS

## FOR THE

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

With a copious index, prepared and reported by the Hon. chief justice C. C. C. to the congress of the United States, for their sanction; agreeably to the provisions of the act of the 29th April, 1816, entitled "an act authorising the judges of the circuit court and the attorney for the District of Columbia, to prepare a code of jurisdiction for the said District."

The laws by which this District is now governed, can only be found by a reference to the numerous volumes containing those of the United States, of the states of Virginia and Maryland, and of England—therefore the acquisition of this code (which will comprise the whole in one volume,) must be considered as of the first importance, by all magistrates, gentlemen of the bar, and citizens in general, who have heretofore experienced the necessity of a code of jurisdiction for the said District.

A few extra copies will be printed for such persons only as apply previous to the publication of the work.

Gentlemen who wish to be supplied, will please to leave their names at this office.

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## To the Public.

A unusual sensibility has been excited in the minds of our countrymen by the copper plate engraving of the Declaration of Independence recently published, accompanied by fac-similes of the signatures of those illustrious patriots who framed the document by which our independence was announced to the world. We feel, while we dwell on those signatures, as if we were ushered into the immediate presence of characters so exalted, and we seem for a time to participate in all the emotion which they feel on the approach of so awful a crisis—Hostile armies, desolate fields, towns and cities in conflagration—carnage and death in its most frightful forms appeared in prophetic vision on the one hand, and more than all, the complicated horrors, ignominy and slavery, were presented for their acceptance on the other; they deliberated; they paused, they trembled, and at last solemnly appealing to the God of battles, they resolved that the United States were and ought to be free, sovereign and independent. These illustrious patriots, with five solitary exceptions, have now mingled with the common mould—they survive in their country's glory and in the recollection of a grateful people. But it would be consoling to the present generation, rated as they now are from those past by the intervention of the tomb, to be more intimately acquainted with the revolutionary benefactors. We leave to the features of such men, snatch the pencil from the oblivion of the ages, and emulate the prominent feats of biography. Impressed with these ideas, the subscriber proposes, if suitable encouragement is given, to publish the lives of patriots in numbers, until the whole is completed. The work will be executed in a style not inferior to any European prints, and the portraits by masters of acknowledged merit. The biography will be written by Paul Allen, Esq. who, in company with the several signers, whose names are affixed to the Declaration, will be sufficient to ensure the veneration of an enlightened people.

The execution of this work, all that the subscriber dares to promise is, that he will endeavor to deserve the confidence of our countrymen, and that no exertion will be wanting to prevent an abuse of that confidence. He ventures to the assistance of those gentlemen, in the collection of authentic facts and anecdotes, communicating the intelligence that will serve to illustrate the characters and rich the biography of those founders of the American Republic.—Those who possess the portraits would do well to oblige me by a loan of the same.

A prospectus with the terms will be in a few days.

JOSEPH H. SANDERSON,

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